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## Court holds enrollment line at schools

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

There was good news and bad news at Romulus Community Schools last week after the official count of students was completed Wednesday.

Enrollment numbers for the six district schools fell by 12 students, which when combined with the February 2005 count means the district will lose about \$100,000 in foundation grant funding. Dick Kruse, the school district spokesman, said he expects the shortfall will not mean a cut in staff or programs.

"We're talking about a \$39 million budget here, and this won't make much of a difference," he said. "There will be no layoffs or

anything like that."

Foundation grant dollars are determined by a head count at each Michigan school district in the first week of February and October. The February 2005 count is given 25 percent consideration by the state, and the October count is given 75 percent consideration.

The combined number then determines the level of funding each district receives. Romulus receives about \$8,300 per student and educates about 4,300 students, Kruse said.

But numbers at the alternative education program, which was expecting competition from a newly-formed program at nearby Van Buren Schools held steady for the district. District adminis-

trators were concerned earlier in the year that the Van Buren program could lure students - many of whom actually live in that district.

"We have a number of kids in the program from Belleville, so we're pleased with that," Kruse said. "We believe the program is competitive with others, and students come from all over to get an education."

Romulus does not take part in Schools of Choice and does not recruit outside students, so enrollment numbers are largely dependent on people moving into, or leaving, the city, said Superintendent of Schools Joel Carr.

"One hundred thousand dollars is \$100,000, and we're going to

have to deal with that," he said. "But we have never considered offering Schools of Choice because we think it's a bad policy. It brings students into the district that are not from Romulus, and we've made big efforts to create nice facilities and programs for students. We're going to keep those for the people who live here. And the next time we ask for a \$50 million bond issue, why would people pay for that for students from another community?"

Per-pupil funding was raised recently by the state to cover escalating costs of educating students. Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently signed a bill that raised per-pupil funding by \$175 per student. Carr

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## Police find liquor law compliance

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

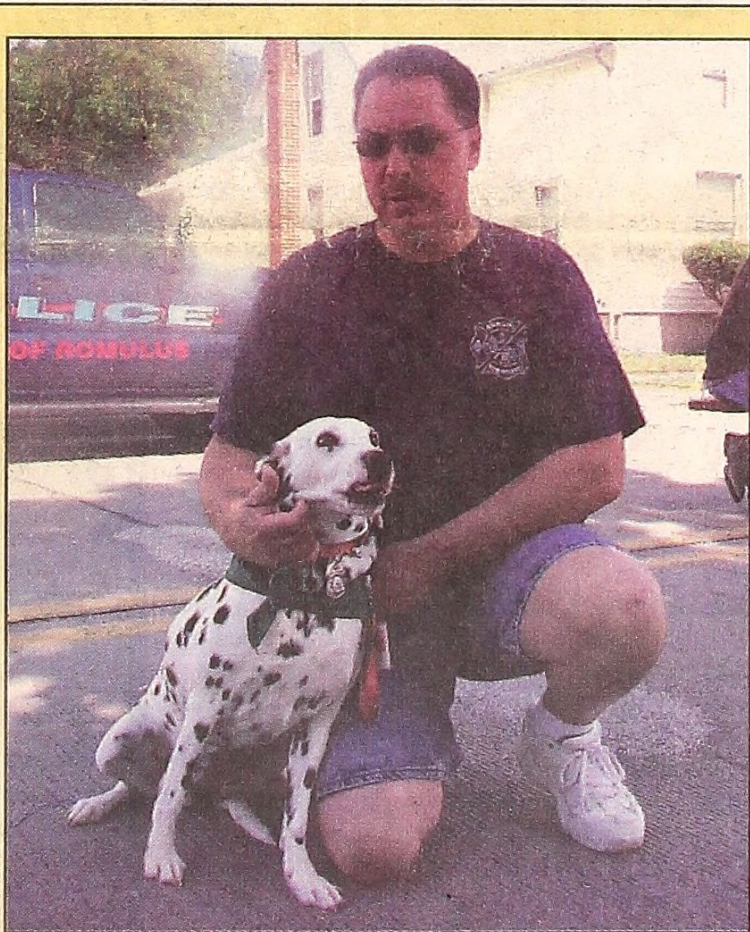
Romulus Police are pleased with the results of a recent undercover operation to identify stores that sell liquor to under-aged individuals.

Interim Police Chief John Leacher said undercover decoys attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages from 26 stores and mini marts. Of those businesses, only 12 sold the beverages without asking for identification.

"That's not a bad number," said Leacher. "We sent some kids in there to make purchases - we didn't send them in with fake IDs, or make it more difficult for them. They just didn't take the proper steps."

Fines for counter persons who sell to under-aged persons are \$500. There can also be fines and ramifications from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC), which oversees all retailers, restaurants and bars that serve or sell alco-

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## Doggone cute

Dottie, the recently-acquired official Dalmatian of the Romulus Fire Department, made her official debut at the end of Fire Chief Dave Allison's leash recently. The spotted canine was rescued by Allison from the Romulus Animal Shelter about six weeks ago, Allison said. Dottie's official duties will include keeping firefighters company and traveling to community events with other firefighters to teach others about the importance of fire safety. Historically, Dalmatians were used by firefighters as a symbol of their impending arrival before mass communications simplified response duties at fire departments.

## Local man accused of child abuse

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A Romulus man was charged with molesting his 9-year-old daughter last week.

Frank Thomas Holmun, 31, was ordered held without bond by 34th District Court Judge Tina Greene following his arraignment on six counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. Holman pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Holmun's daughter is currently staying with her mother in Romulus, police said.

The allegations came to light two weeks ago when the victim's mother filed a complaint with the Romulus Police Department. She claimed that Holmun had allegedly molested his daughter since she was 7 years old, said Interim Police Chief John Leacher.

"It appears the parents were not living together at the time of the incident, and the mother told

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## City decides to explore waste contract possibilities

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The 11-year-old city refuse collection contract remains in limbo after Romulus City Council members told company representa-

tives they would like to see more participation in recycling programs.

Waste Management Co. is asking the city to enter into another five-year agreement that would end in 2009. But city officials are

concerned that the company may not be doing everything it can to encourage residents to recycle, which can drastically drive down rates, said Councilman Leroy Burcroff.

"I think as we looked into what

it would take to get more people to recycle, we decided to take a deeper look at the whole issue," he said. "We decided that maybe we should ask (Waste

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# Local church adopts 10 Katrina families

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Where do you go when you've lost everything?

That's what thousands of people who were recently bused into the area from Louisiana and Mississippi asked after their lives were dramatically changed by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville are trying to offer an answer and help rebuild the future for these families.

"We wanted to be able to put a face on it and get the people coming over here help to make this area a home," said Teresa Moore, member of the church and executive director for Adopt-A-Child Size. "Once those victims arrived here, there was no plan. We got together to determine what we could do. Trinity has done a lot of work and has given a lot of money, but it just didn't feel like it was enough."

What the church members decided to do next was "adopt" 10 families displaced by the hurricanes and help them establish a residence in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. They will also provide them with food, clothing and other personal items.

"When you're coming from a warmer climate to Michigan, you have no idea what it's like," said Moore.

"A big part will be networking and getting people involved because everybody has something extra to give. It's amazing the things you can find," said Linda Goerge, chairman of the outreach community.

The Faith Community Homebuyers program, an organization that helps low to moderate income families find housing, Adopt-A-Child Size, which provides winter clothing, the Episcopal Church Women, and the Young Adults in the Church group, will all help in the emergency assistance efforts that will start on Saturday.

"From Saturday we hope to have the fam-

ilies taken care of within 30 days, but we will continue as long as the needs exist," said Moore.

Items collected include: linens, cooking items, large and small appliances, non-perishable food, personal care items, school supplies, furniture, adult coats, children's coats and sweaters, toys, books and home accessories. All items should be clean and in good condition and can be brought to the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Arrangements for furniture and appliances must be made in advance and are not to be brought to the church.

Volunteer drivers with trucks or large vehicles for furniture pick-up and delivery, as well as volunteers to sort, assemble and package items are also requested.

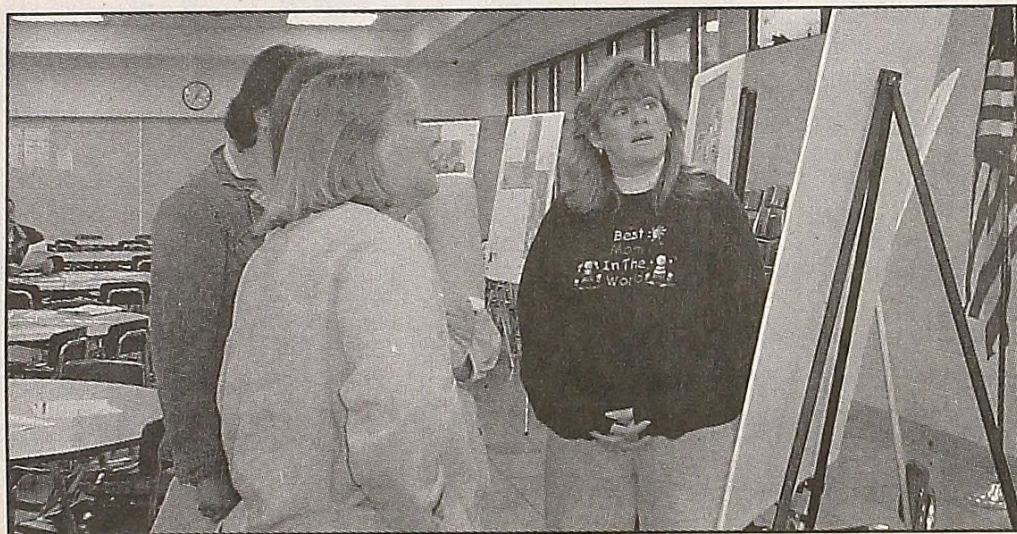
The program will also help link families to other community resources and help with

long-term goals such as jobs, transportation, education, health care and emotional and spiritual support.

"We really want this to be a community wide effort. We don't want people to think they can't participate because everyone is welcome to join in this mission to service others," said Moore. "You hear all these stories about when people send items or money down there, it's not making to the area, so if we do something locally we know that people are receiving it."

People also have the option to adopt an entire family to help out, too, Moore said. The families' first names, ages and sizes will be posted at Trinity.

To donate or for more information about the emergency assistance project, contact Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 11575 Belleville Road, at 734-699-3361.



Parents and residents in the Van Buren Public School District check out the plans for a new high school if it were located where the current high school stands on Columbia Street in Belleville. Many people have mixed feelings on this site plan and process of rebuilding the old school.

## School site opinions differ

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Although the public portion of the new Belleville High School site process is over, the decision about where the school should be located is far from complete.

"Right now it's all over the board," said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the Van Buren Public School District. "Senior citizens seem to like the current high school site for nostalgic and price reasons and others seem to be all over the place. It's just too close to call."

It could have something to do with a sixth option the school district recently announced that would include an expansion on the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads from 63 acres to 103 acres.

"If residents had other options or ideas to contribute to the sites, we did not want to discount that land," said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of schools. "An adjacent property owner came to us and offered the additional acreage when they heard the site was being considered in the process."

Other site locations include: the west corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads, the east corner of Sumpter and Hull Roads, the I-94 North Service Drive, the Wayne County Community College Western Campus District (WCCCD) and the existing land on Columbia Street. The millage levied for each proposal range from 2.55 mills to 3.05 mills, while the project total ranges from \$97 million up to \$116 million. Each proposal would also include a technology fee to upgrade the district.

At one of the school site forums last week, Lazaroff went through the pros and cons of each site. The three Sumpter and Hull roads sites would leave room for expansion, but

could see traffic backups with the close proximity to the railroad. The I-94 Service Drive site would be the most centrally located, but could also have unsafe traffic concerns. The WCCCD site would offer a stronger curriculum when incorporated with the college, but would not provide an athletic field, which could increase costs. The current high school site is the most inexpensive, but would not include room for expansion or parking on the site.

Resident Mike Schwartz said the current high school site is already congested as it is and asked how the proposed additional construction would affect the area. Lazaroff said the planning and construction process would be longer.

"The earliest the kids could be in the school would be 2009," he said.

Linda Cobb wanted to know how the students would be shuttled in.

"We would have to bus students in from other parking lots, like the nearby churches," said Lazaroff. "The trade-off would be less mills. There's a lot we'd have to work out ahead of time."

Joyce Rochowiak, long-time resident and graduate of Belleville High School, said she was not for rebuilding a new school on the current site.

"My graduating class grew out of the high school and I don't want to see that same thing happen here," she said.

Resident Louis Barnes was shocked on the prices of acreage, and said he had concerns with the senior citizens who are on fixed incomes, plus dealing with the economy and gas price changes.

"The needs of a new high school are there and are not going to change," said Lazaroff. "If we wait, the cost would only increase down the road."

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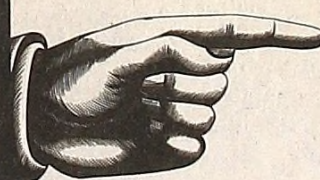
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# 'Cropwalk' aims to curb hunger, Katrina woes

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Father John Hagan of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville couldn't have asked for a more perfect day for the annual Crop Walk last Sunday. The sun was shining, the temperature was in the mid 80's and the crowd of walkers was bigger than ever.

"I'm in charge of the weather you know," Hagan joked before the walk started. "We used to walk 10 miles and every time it rained, but then we cut it back and it hasn't rained since. It's a great day."

The 23rd Annual Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk took participants on a more than 6-mile stride through Romulus and Belleville to generate funds to feed the hungry and the victims of the recent hurricanes. The event takes place throughout Michigan in more than 140 different areas. The Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk alone had more than 300 walkers participate, Hagan said.

"Many people have walked in the event more than 10 years. It's been a great turnout and we're very thankful," he said.

This year, 11 different area churches participated—Trinity Episcopal Church, Pentecostal Missionary in Romulus, Belleville Church of God, Faith United Methodist Church in Belleville, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, Open Arms Lutheran Church in Belleville, First United Methodist Church in

Belleville, St. Aloysius Church in Romulus, Community United Methodist Church in Romulus, Mount Herman Baptist Church in Belleville and Belleville Presbyterian Church.

While the funds have yet to be tallied, Hagan did say they hope to reach the \$35,000 goal.

"Last year we raised about \$28,000," he said.

The funds will be donated to four area hunger agencies—the Helping Hands Thrift Store in Romulus, St. Vincent De Paul of the St. Anthony's and St. Aloysius Church, the Belleville Emergency Food Closet and the Belleville Church of God food pantry. The remaining funds will go to agencies throughout Michigan and the world, as well as a significant amount for victims of Hurricane Katrina, Hagan said.

Walkers and sisters Jennifer Jones of Detroit and Judith Buycks of West Bloomfield said it was their second year participating in the Crop Walk to support Mount Herman Baptist Church.

"It's for a good cause of feeding the hungry and at the same time getting some exercise," said Buycks. "Just knowing that you're helping someone is good enough."

"Next year we're going to pin down all the sisters and get them involved," said Jones.

Others, such as Gail McKennedy of Ypsilanti, volunteered for the first time this year to give back what she was given.

"The fact that I was once in a similar



The annual Belleville-Romulus Crop Walk started out the event with a prayer to watch over the walkers and the people in need. The Rev. Stacy Salles and two members of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville sang a song to provide them with spiritual guidance before the walk began. More than 300 people from the area participated in the event.

situation and that that was once me makes me want to get involved," she said. "If I can give something back, that's my goal."

McKennedy's family and friends—Charles Sanders of Ypsilanti, Dorris Norwood of Ypsilanti and Aaron Pickens of Inkster—joined her, too.

Virg Stoltz of Belleville was the top walker, again. She raised more than \$4,000.

"I start sending out my letters in August

to get the word out," she said. "At the beginning of the week, I wasn't at my goal, but then I started my begging and guilt trips because the best part is 25 percent of the money stays here."

Stoltz not only mailed out about 140 letters to solicit donations, but she has also been doing it for the last 22 years. She has only missed one Crop Walk event.

"Helping out makes me do it every year, plus, it keeps me young."



## Reading is fundamental

Elected officials were on hand at the unveiling of a new statue at the Romulus Library titled "Learning to Read" Sept. 29. The statue is dedicated to Romulus residents Lew and Nell Sheppard. Nell Sheppard joined the Romulus Friends of the Library in 1978, and was instrumental in the growth of the organization. Standing near the statue are: Judge David Parrott of the 34th District Court, at left, Councilman Mike Prybyla, City Clerk Linda Choate, Councilman William Crova, Councilman Randy Gear, Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Councilman Leroy Burcroff.

## Count - Numbers remain consistent

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said that after three years without any funding increases, the raise is not going to have a major impact on the district bottom line.

"That's about \$750,000, and it's eaten up quickly," he said. "This year our pension obligations increased by a whole percentage point, and the cost of health care has gone up, too. We also gave out employees a modest increase, so that funding goes away quite fast."

Count day has brought good and bad news to many local

school districts that have not been able to weather the difficult financial times as well as Romulus. Ypsilanti Community Schools lost 250 students, which translates into \$1.6 million less funding.

But schools that accept out-of-town students through Schools of Choice have been able to substantially increase funding. Inkster Public Schools has increased enrollment by 280 students, which means an addition \$1 million in funding. Several of the students added by the district are from other communities.

## Waste - Bulk pickup, recycling still an issue for residents

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Management) for help with recycling as opposed to just renewing the contract as it's written."

Right now, the city participates in a curbside program where people can place recyclables into a separate container. Burcroff said many people don't always use the container, however.

"We just need to better educate people about this," he said. "And the savings to them and the city would be significant."

Under the current proposal, the city would be charged \$10.28 per home to remove garbage on a weekly basis. By July 1, 2009, that price would be escalated to \$11.58.

Other issues have cropped up as residents thought about disposing of items they no longer want.

One common complaint is that often times pizza boxes are not taken if they are not in a bag. Burcroff said some better communication on that from might help people understand what they need to do to make sure garbage is not left at their curb.

"There are some issues that just need to be ironed out," he said. "But overall, I think Waste Management does a good job."

## Case - Abuse allegedly happened over 2-year period

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officers that she suspected something was wrong based on comments her daughter made to her," he said. "She then reported the information to us."

There were also some threats that Holmun allegedly made to his former girlfriend that prompted the mother to seek out the

police, Leacher said.

"(The mother) told us he was making some threats to harm herself and her daughter," he said. "She did say she was afraid he would hurt her or her daughter." The name of the victim and her mother are being withheld to protect their identities. *The Romulus Roman* generally does not identify victims of sexual misconduct.

Police arrested Holmun late

last month at his place of work in Wixom. He faces the possibility of life behind bars if he is convicted. Each first-degree criminal sexual conduct charge is punishable by 15 years behind bars, and the second-degree charge is punishable by seven years in prison.

Holmun is currently housed at the Wayne County Jail. He will appear in court again this week for a pre-trial examination.

## Stores - Police will work with offenders for enforcement

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holic beverages.

Generally, if a store is cited for non-compliance, a copy of the citation is sent to the LCC. Repeated citations can result in the revocation of the business liquor license, either temporarily or permanently.

None of the stores in Romulus are facing that possibility, Leacher said.

"We are working with those stores, and they are interested in increasing compliance with the law," he said. "As long as they work with us, they should be able to avoid being cited."

Romulus police officers will

again check on the retailers to make sure that they have taken measures to comply with state laws.

"The purpose of (the police activities) is to educate the retailers," Leacher said. "If we find that they have not corrected the problem, we then will go ahead and cite them. But we want to give them a chance to make changes first."

Grant funding was used to pay for the costs of executing the undercover activities, Leacher added.

Teens and alcohol have exacted a heavy toll on Michigan. According to a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) study taken from police reports in

Michigan, alcohol-related fatalities involving 15- to 20-year-olds in Michigan increased by 15 percent, from 180 in 2002 to 208 in 2003, the last year statistics were compiled.

MADD also estimates that Michigan suffers from the eighth-highest level of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in the United States, with 1,283.

If residents know of a store that might be selling liquor to underage individuals, they are asked to call the Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400. Also, complaints can be made to the LCC directly on the Web at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov). Users can click on the "We all lose when kids buy booze" icon.



# OPINION

## Money well spent

A whirlwind week of planning, brainstorming and public meetings has just concluded in the City of Wayne.

And what a week it has been.

The sketches, ideas and preliminary proposals put forth by the students from Andrews University through the Urban Design Studio Charrette will probably fuel conversations for some time to come. They may spur a new way of looking at the city, a new way of planning for future growth and a new way of looking at neighborhoods, in general. There is plenty of fodder for debate.

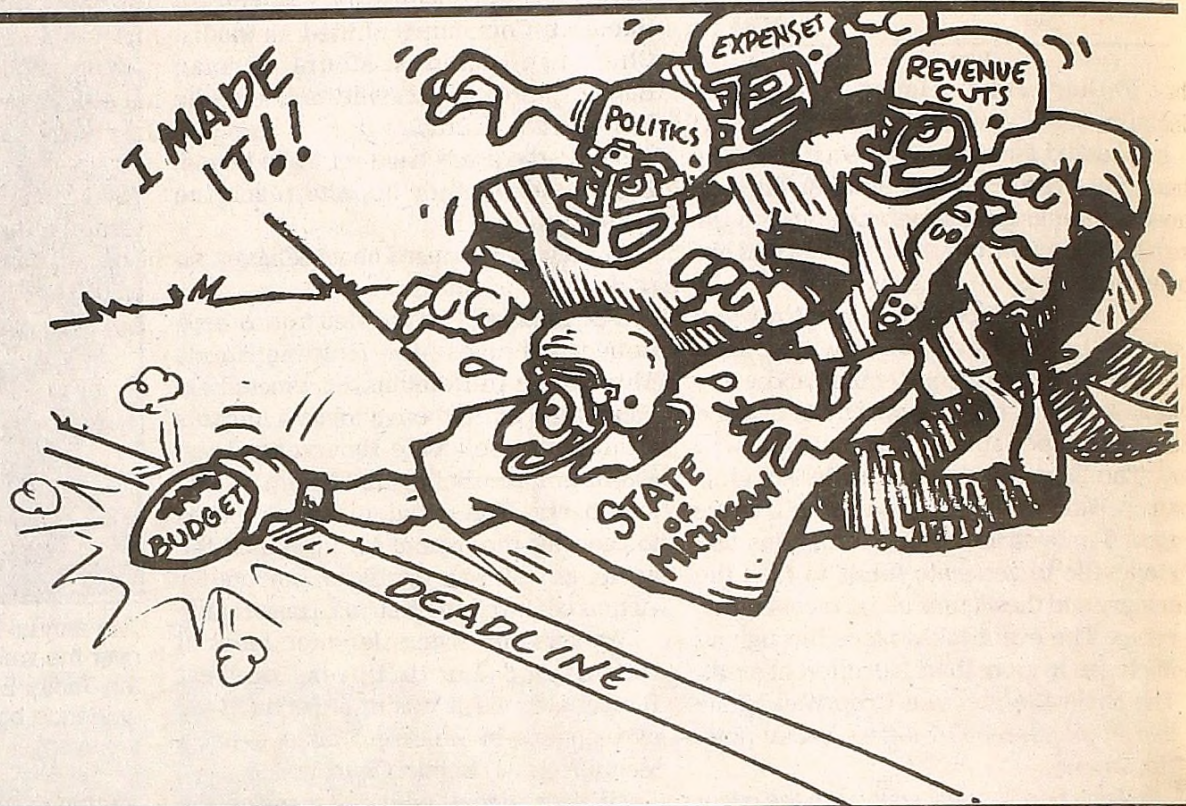
One thing that became increasingly clear as the process unfolded last week at the Wayne Fire Station is what an incredible value the city received for the \$20,000 they budgeted for the service. Whatever debate arises from the brainstorming sessions, whether or not the city should have spent the money has, in our minds, already been decided.

The question is: what now?

Obviously, the development patterns discussed will take years to unfold, if they ever do. There will also be a nearly mandatory wait and see period because the in-town visit is only the first portion of a three-month process that concludes when the city receives a final polished report at the end of the semester.

The preliminary plans are encouraging in many ways, though. First of all, there are several actions that the city can take right away

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## Trustee made right 'move'

We said Northville Township should have taken their time deciding whether or not to save a historic barn at taxpayers' expense, but Trustee Marv Gans found a way to do it, anyway.

Gans, who oversaw the slow move Saturday morning, surrounded by an extensive crew of utility and county workers, got it done in near record time, too.

We admit it: it's nice to be wrong every now and then.

Obviously a lot went into this seemingly small project. It's not that easy to move a 100-year-old barn, even if it only has to travel a relatively short distance – in this case from Sheldon Road, north of Five Mile to Thayer Corner's Park on Six Mile and Napier roads. There is a lot of prep work that needs to be done ahead of time, a lot of coordinating with many different agencies – including some that rarely exhibit such cooperation, particularly on a short time frame.

Gans managed to pull it off, though, and for very little out of pocket expense for the township.

This is something that only came to light a few months ago and, if things go according to schedule this week, the old barn will be resting comfortably on new foundations at the park, ready for future restoration projects and eventual public use.

To get it done, Gans has worked to solicit donations from dozens of individuals, businesses and organization. He secured more than \$210,000 to date. The township board allocated more than \$60,000 for the project in August, but Gans said only about \$40,000 of that funding may be needed – even though some of the costs have been higher than estimated.

That's impressive.

Nobody argued that the barn was worth saving – it's a rare, historical structure, and the proposal came at a time when the township is renewing its focus on preserving history. The question had been if it should be moved sooner or later, or if the project could wait until the culmination of the current budget planning cycle.

We said wait, but Gans and the township saw an opportunity and pounced on it. It's nice that the move worked out so well, despite all those obstacles.

## An unexpected lesson

At about 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, I was a bit skeptical.

Steady rain fell outside, thunder cracked sharply and rumbled ominously. Lightning lit the sky with an irregular rhythm, like a flash bulb with fading batteries.

Henry and I looked out the window, neither of us talking.

"I don't know buddy," I said after a while. "It looks pretty wet."

"Awww," he said, "but I want to go."

I had promised to take him to the music festival, which was how I translated the hurricane relief concert in Westland for his 4 1/2-year-old ears. When I said he could come, it was during the week and the event sounded like it would have a lot more to offer him: a kids area, pony rides and more.

But with the outer limits of Hurricane Rita dampening everything in southern Michigan, I wasn't sure if those things would go on.

I had to go, of course. There were pictures to take, people to talk to. But wouldn't those things be a lot easier for me to do without him tagging along? Of course they would, given his state of constant motion.

I tried to envision what he would do, standing in the middle of a rain-soaked field for an hour or so with nothing much to occupy him. Besides, was dragging a young boy out into a thunderstorm an example of sound parenting? I had my doubts.

I run into similar situations all the time with my job here. In addition to working during the day, like most parents, I'm often called to events or meetings at night and on weekends. It adds up to a potential for me to miss a lot of time with my son, and for my wife, Lisa, to spend too many hours as a solo parent.

To compensate, I try to come up with things that I can take Henry to that expand his horizons and provide Lisa with a break at the same time. I thought the hurricane relief concert would be a perfect example.

Until the rains came.

But things were growing tense in our household and I had to make a decision. So I grabbed Henry's raincoat, some sandals and we headed off.

Sure enough, the rain had put the kibosh on many of the activities. But I quickly learned I had nothing to worry about. Henry jumped in puddles and slid in the mud. He ran through the rain with his arms outstretched and hooked up with another group of youngsters making the best of the damp day. He was soaked to the skin in minutes, but he didn't care.

He laughed and played and I laughed at myself for worrying that he would have nothing to do. Running unfettered through puddles and mud pits? It was probably a 4-year-old's dream.

Later we walked across the stream to a playscape within earshot of the concert. Henry let out an exclamation of pure joy and pointed to the ground, which was inexplicably littered with two or three dozen golf balls.

Before I knew it, he had invented three games, rolling the balls up the slide and trying to catch them or bounce other balls off them, tossing them up into the playscape so they wouldn't fall down, or just rolling them down the slide into an empty cup I found nearby.

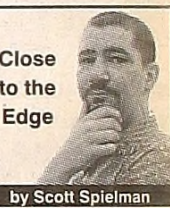
It turned out to be a good day – a far better time than I had predicted, just a few hours earlier.

"So did you have fun, buddy?" I asked as we stomped through puddles on the way back to the car. We had given up on the raincoat by then, and Henry was mud and rain from his head to his feet.

"That was the best, dad," he said.

"That's good," I said. "Thanks for coming with me."

I don't want to sound too cheesy, but I learned something that day, something I will take with me from now on: don't make excuses to exclude your children from things, make excuses to include them, instead. That's the key to sound parenting and good memories.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## An interesting campaign, indeed

The mayor's race in Romulus is not a slam-dunk by any assessment, no matter what people say.

Both candidates – incumbent Mayor Alan Lambert and Councilwoman Debbie Romak – are grounded in the community, have a grasp of the issues facing the community and have a passionate predisposition to serve. That's a lot more than other candidates in mayoral races in other communities can claim.

Many city pundits have publicly and privately said that Lambert – who is finishing his first term in office and has a number of achievements behind him – is a shoe-in for this race. But it would be

unwise to count the councilwoman out even as the election looms in three weeks.

This year, voting for Lambert or Romak means endorsing one candidate's method of achieving the same goal.

There are many issues that are getting a lot of ink in this newspaper and others – casinos, race-tracks, recreation facilities, new development and keeping blight at bay. But there are some sleeper issues where Romak – a dogged community activist



Sad but True

by Molly Tippen

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## Letters

### Former candidate blasts board

*To the editor:*  
Plymouth Township's elected officials have set a brand a new record, two tax increases within two months.  
One was approved by the Aug. 3 election with the threat of reducing our police and fire services if not approved, and the second one came at the Sept. 27, 2005 board of trustees meeting.  
The amount of the second tax increase is .18 mills giving us a new grand total now of 4 mills. These tax increases came just in time as they just passed out raises at the Sept. 13, 2005 board meeting to all of our township managers; some received a 2 percent raise and others as high as 7 percent. All raises are retroactive back to January 2005, then they added to that a 3 percent raise for 2006, totaling up for some employees raises as high as 10 percent for both years.  
At the Sept. 6, 2005 special board meet-

ing they also gave the township attorneys and the township engineers raises. At the same meeting the board of trustees wanted the compensation commission that gives our elected officials their raises to come up with a figure for them to receive a raise, also. Meanwhile they have been giving the police and A.F.S.C.M.E. unions a hard time settling their contracts.  
It's nice to see that our new tax increases have freed up enough money to give out raises. This is the board that ran their campaigns promising they could build our new township hall without a tax increase and we were doing so well financially. I ran my campaign for supervisor being concerned about the finances of the township and was called negative for it.  
I just don't understand how this is progress but promises sure can be broken. Our elected officials in this last election promised the voters an increase of only .5631 and just raised it up to .7431, another promise broken. The board said at the last

board meeting that they told everyone it was going up to 4 mills, so I went back through all the literature and there is nothing mentioned about 4 mills in any of the articles or literature put out by any of the groups for the police and fire millage increase.  
So I challenge the board to produce the literature that has 4 mills written in it because I can't find one that has that fact stated. I asked myself how would I feel if I

was part of the group along with the police and the firemen that worked so hard going door to door to get this tax increase passed and then to stand back and watch our elected officials go and give these type of raises out to management, but then again what's another broken promise.  
  
*Don Schnettler,  
Plymouth Township*

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## Plans

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for a relatively limited expense or at no expense at all.  
The concept of opening the section of the downtown between the two sides of Michigan Avenue for a new town center is intriguing, essentially reversing the impact of Urban Renewal, which roared through more than 30 years ago. The first step to making that happen is an investigation into the policy prohibiting on street parking, which the city can do in-house.  
It may seem like a small issue and it may cause some residents to scratch their heads but, as strange as it seems, parking requirements really drive - or limit - development in urban settings. There's only so much land, after all. Those who want an example can look to downtown Plymouth; construction is going on nearly all the time there, with new multi-story buildings changing the very skyline.  
There was a time when Plymouth was stagnant, too, and it wasn't that long ago. What happened? The city commission relaxed the parking ordinances, through recommendations by then-mayor Don Dismuke and current commissioner Ron Loiselle. Sure, the streets are crowded now and parking can sometimes be a

chore, but most business owners and city officials agree it's a good problem to have.  
City officials can also lobby to bring a train station to the downtown area as a stop for a long-proposed commuter train that will travel from downtown Detroit to Ann Arbor. They can look at the property the city owns - several municipal lots that can be shrunken, if parking ordinances are changed - to provide for additional development. A proposal to construct some type of condominium unit overlooking Washington Trail Park and the Rouge River is particularly enticing.  
Here's the thing residents should realize about those things, however, and it should give them additional confidence in the city administration. They've already been looking at those things and in some cases have been talking about them for years.  
That's another lesson to take from this whole process: these are not two separate groups, working in different directions. There were many similar ideas in both camps and the suggestions offered by the Andrews University crew often simply offered a new way to build on revitalization efforts currently under way, or at least in the planning phase.  
So what happens now? Well, we continue to plan, we continue to build, perhaps in a new direction or with a new perspective, but always moving forward.

their job care about a recreation center?  
But it also means creating jobs, big time. Lambert has shown he can drive development into the city, which down the road will hopefully help laid off find new work.  
In every election, incumbents usually have an enormous advantage to tout: An established record of activities within the city, continual press coverage, and support from a broad base of volunteers who typically raise far more money than challengers. That's what many in the city thought before Lambert unseated William Oakley in 2001.  
To their credit, neither Lambert or Romak seem to be taking any votes for granted, and appear genuinely committed to addressing city issues and creating policies that help the city thrive, though the pair would take different roads to accomplish that.  
The 2005 election - given the state of the city, the nation and the economy, is going to be the most important in the city history.  
On Nov. 8, two candidates, both lifelong city residents who have known each other since the sixth grade will go head-to-head, and the results will be interesting, indeed.

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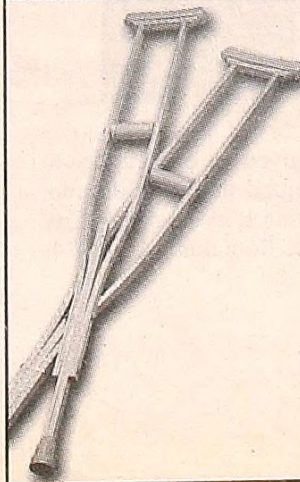
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before she was elected to council 10 years ago - might score some serious points.  
One is the negative effects of layoffs from the continuing drama at Northwest Airlines and Detroit Metropolitan Airport are likely to wreak over the next four-year mayoral term. Whoever is elected to the post will have to be able to deal with the possibility of a glut of people leaving the community - eroding the tax base in the process. What used to be a big asset could become a big liability in the coming weeks, and the person elected to the seat is going to have to know what to do to pick up the pieces.  
Short term, that means reaching out to residents and understanding their plight, which Romak has shown she can do through advocacy against the controversial injection well and other issues. She knows what needs to be done in the interim to help people; she knows many people are enduring difficult and protracted financial stress. As she pointed out in a recent interview: Why would anyone who has lost



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OBITUARIES

BUTZIN, Melvin

Melvin G. Butzin, 80, of Sumpter Township, formerly of Huron Township, died Sept. 22.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 50 years, Dorothy Frances (Oskey) Butzin; children, Juanita Marker and Melvin Douglas Butzin, both of Belleville; siblings, Bernice (Edward) Oskey of Willis, Bernette (Al) Grace) of Florida, Otto (Sharon) Butzin of Garden City, Leonard Butzin, Harold (Eleanor) Butzin and Ernie Butzin, all of Belleville, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Butzin moved back to Belleville from Huron Township 10 years ago to the farm on which he was raised by his parents. He retired from the General Motors Detroit Diesel plant in Wayne where he worked for more than 30 years.

He was a former Belleville Moose Lodge 934 member and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Sowards officiating.

Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Whitaker, MI.

TAYLOR, Shirley

Shirley Jean Taylor, 69, of Sumpter Township, died Sept. 25.

Among her survivors are her children, Sharon C. Nowland of Flat Rock, Jessie A. Taylor, Charlotte A. (Bill) Thompson, David W. (Theresa) Taylor, Rita L. (George) Cady and Brenda K. (John) Mason, all of Belleville; siblings, Mildred Barton of Belleville, Meg Johnson of Kentucky, Robert "Pete" Mullins, Bobbie Mullins, both of Detroit and Richard "Dickie" Mullins of Kentucky; 15 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Taylor retired from Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Willard

Nance officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

CAPPS, Mary

Mary E. Capps, 67, of Whitesburg, KY, died Sept. 17.

Among her survivors are her sons, William Kenneth Capps of Georgia and Leslie Ray Capps of Arizona; sisters, Muriel Garza of Dearborn Heights, and Glenda Adkins of Taylor; a half-brother, Larry Collins of Arizona; a half-sister, Berma Matthews of Kentucky; grandchildren, Lena Capps of Arizona, Kristan Capps of Florida and David Lee Capps of Taylor; and a great-grandson, Kyle Capps.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White of Grace Baptist Church in Belleville officiating.

Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

ST. CYR, Eric

Eric Charles St. Cyr, 35, of Belleville, died Sept. 23.

Among his survivors are his father, Clifford Charles (Jan) St. Cyr of Belleville; his mother, Kathy (Frank) Vicchy of Wyoming; siblings, Sandra St. Cyr, Adrienne (Ben) De Mond, Nicole (Joe) Davenport, all of Belleville, Michelle (John Davenport) Towler of Ypsilanti, Jill Vicchy of Arizona, Kim Vicchy of Arkansas, Wendy (Regan) Smith and, Robin Vicchy both of Wyoming and Michael (Wendy) Vicchy of Colorado; eight nieces and nephews; several cousins, aunts and uncles, and his life-long friend, Michael Sturtz.

Mr. St. Cyr was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1988. He founded Neighborhood Helping Hand, doing interior and exterior home repairs.

Funeral services were at the David C.

Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Ben Maton officiating.

TORRES, Jodi

Jodi Elisabeth Torres, 16, of Comer, GA, died Sept. 22.

Among her survivors are her father, Tim Torres; her mother and step-father, Lisa and Steve Bolin; sisters, Jennifer Goss and Katie Bolin; maternal grandparents Joyce Smith, Granny Annie and Sonny Fortson; paternal grandparents Ruben and Geraldine Torres; aunts, Kim Benton, Ginger Pitts and Karen Taylor; uncles Ruben Torres, Mathew Torres, Andrew Torres and Chris Pitts, and several cousins.

Ms. Torres was born in Belleville. She was a junior at Madison County High School and was a varsity cheerleader; a member of the 4-H club and a past member of the Franklin County Drill Tam.

Funeral services were at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris Pritchett,

Shane Curtis and Allison Cash officiating. Interment was at the Thomas Family Cemetery in Oglethorpe County, GA.

MACIEJEWSKI, Walter

Walter F. Maciejewski, 87, of Romulus, died Sept. 22.

Among his survivors are his wife, Eleanore (Rafalski) Maciejewski; sons, Walter (Deborah) Maciejewski of Belleville and Robert (Melodie) Maciejewski of Southgate; daughter, Patricia (Brian) Boc of Romulus; a sister, Mary Ford of South Lyon; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Alexander Wyrwal at St. Stephen Catholic Church, where he was a member, for Mr. Maciejewski.

Interment was at St. Stephen Catholic Cemetery in New Boston.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP  
BIDS TO RENOVATE

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 is now seeking sealed bids to renovate 2 bathrooms at the Sumpter Community Center Senior Area 23501 Sumpter, Belleville, MI 48111 bids shall include all scopes of work with pricing and must be received by October 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Specifications available for \$25.00 non-refundable fee.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE  
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS,  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN  
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

To the qualified Electors of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the *Michigan Election Law*, I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration and the General Election, for the purpose of voting on the following offices:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or in the ROMULUS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Every person who has the following qualifications, or who will have those qualifications at the next election shall be entitled to register:

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2. A resident of the state for not less than 30 days.
3. A resident of the City of Romulus.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTER-ING such of the qualified electors who shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election, if remaining such resident, shall be entered in the computer.

This notice is given as provided for in Section 168.644 of the Michigan Election Laws as amended.

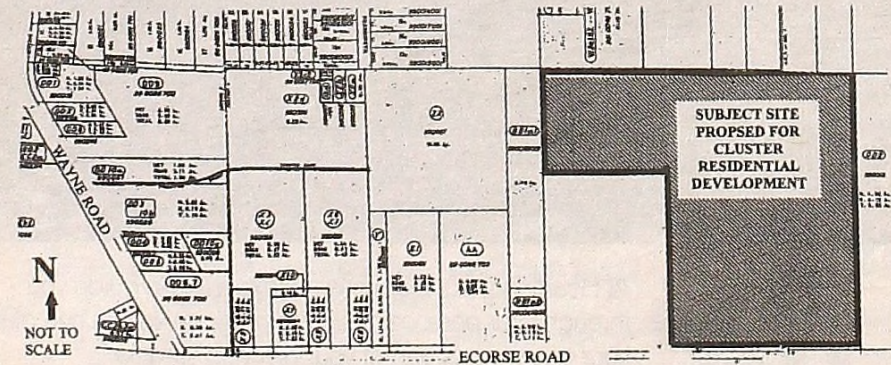
Linda R. Choate, CMC  
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE  
FOR A CLUSTER SINGLE FAMILY  
DETACHED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2005, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to develop 33.3 acres of land as a detached single family residential community. The subject site is located on the north side of Ecorse, east of Wayne Road DP#'s 82-80-0016-99-0012-000, 82-80-015-99-0070-702. The parcel is zoned R1A, Single Family Residential District. Cluster residential developments are permitted in the R1A, Single Family Residential District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



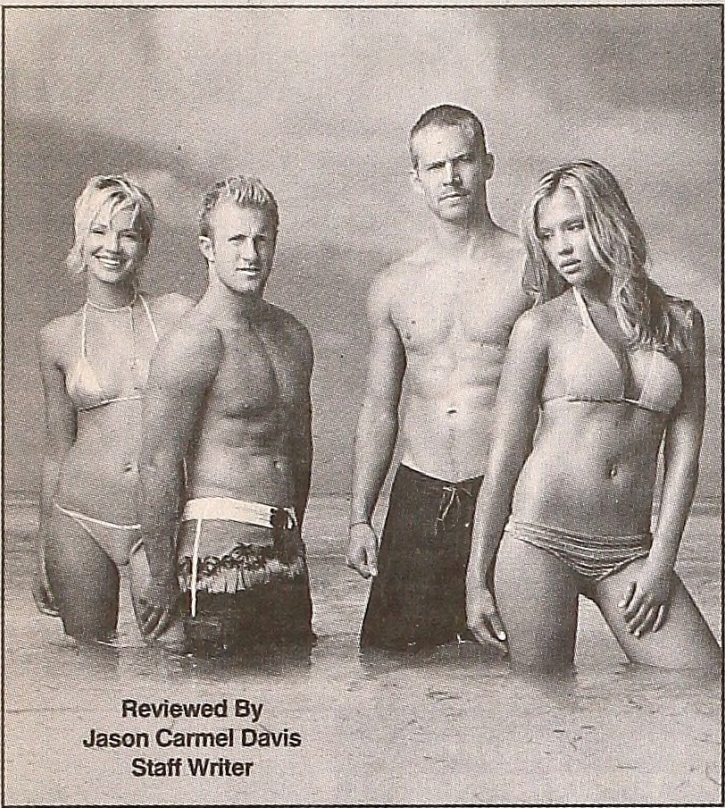
All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, October 17, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 6, 2005



# THE SCENE



Reviewed By  
Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

## Get viewers out of Into the Blue

Besides *The Fast and the Furious*, Paul Walker's resume is a series of flops and money-losing ventures—*Varsity Blues*, *She's All That*—that repeat themselves nearly every spring, summer and/or fall. The speed demon has made another poor choice for a movie with *Into the Blue*.

Walker stars as Jared, an unemployed scuba diver who dreams of sunken treasure while residing in the Bahamas. Living in a trailer with his girlfriend Sam (Jessica Alba), Jared receives a visit from his old friend Bryce (Scott Caan) and his new girlfriend Amanda (Ashley Scott). Bryce is on vacation, and as an attorney who defends drug kingpins—and their associates—he has access to a spectacular boat on an even more spectacular estate. Spending one wonderful day scuba diving, the four discover two important things: a plane filled with cocaine and buried treasure. Avoiding the coke and concentrating on the booty, Jared and company wind up in a bad place with bad people because of the cocaine. And what starts out with a relatively intriguing plot and potential to rise above the acting pool provided turns into a poorly written, poorly acted and overly long thriller.

What little intrigue that could've been provided with a much tighter and cleaner script is missing, as the plot twists and turns are predictable at best and laughable at worst. What truly is missing, though, would be some acting talent to rise above it.

Too bad Walker and Alba are given the keys to this mess. For all the exposure she has

had in the past several years, Alba has demonstrated that being able to fill out a swimsuit is about the only thing she really does well on a consistent basis. She and Walker seem to be engaging in a contest to see who can be worse frame-by-frame.

Making matters worse is that the opportunity to at least create intrigue by cutting down on the total screen time is blown by the poor editing job. Running nearly two hours, *Into the Blue* could've used a much more thoughtful editor. Around 20-30 minutes of the movie is useless and takes away from an already lackluster plot.

If there's anything to be learned from the exercise in futility that is *Into the Blue* it is that exotic locals, pretty women in little clothing and buried treasure don't matter too much when you add in poor acting, a worse script and poor editing. All of those things will kill even the best of intentions.



## A history of violence

### Past catches unlikely film hero

Tom Stall is just a regular, small town guy. He owns and operates a local diner in a one or two stoplight town, is married to a lawyer, Edie (Maria Bello), is father to Jack (Ashton Holmes) and Sarah (Heidi Hayes). He wears blue jeans and flannel shirts and oozes friendliness to his customers, employees and those who pass him on the street.

It's a picture-perfect setting, until a couple of tough guys try to stick up the diner. They come in for the coffee and pie, but hang around to threaten the customers and a waitress.

Stall (Viggo Mortensen) intervenes in a way that would make any self-respecting vigilante or movie action hero proud. Acting instinctively, he first disables and then kills the two would-be bandits, suffering a wound in the process. The whole resolution takes only a few seconds, but it's enough for people in the town to label him a hero, a moniker that is soon picked up by the national media.

The next thing he knows, Stall sees his face everywhere: in the local paper, on every channel.

It's not attention that he wants, either. When he sees Edie, later, he asks: "Are you as sick of hearing about me as I am?"

We soon find out why.

Stall's unwanted attention brings some unwanted visitors, other rough men that claim to be from Philadelphia. One of them, Carl Fogarty (Ed Harris), as a disfigured face and the notion that he knows our hero, not as Tom Stall but as someone named Joey, also from Philadelphia—a man presumably not as nice as Stall.

They want him to return to Philadelphia with them. They harass his family, showing up in an ominous black Chrysler that is somehow immune to the dust kicked up on the dirt roads whenever they look outside.

They're very convincing, too, and that causes Jack and Edie to question: who is this man that we've known for so long?

Those who don't want to know the answer until they've seen *A History of Violence* should read no further.

Stall indeed has a history of violence. As Joey, he left Philadelphia 20 years ago to start again. He picked the name Tom Stall in Phoenix because "it was available," and worked his way into the hearts of the local townspeople—and Edie.

The film, director by David Cronenberg, was written by Josh Olson based on a graphic novel by John Wagner and Vince Locke of Sandman fame. It is mostly a compelling film, as these character come to grips with the situation they're faced with, and Stall finds that escaping one's past—particularly one so dark—isn't as easy as taking a three-year sabbatical in the desert and then moving to start anew.

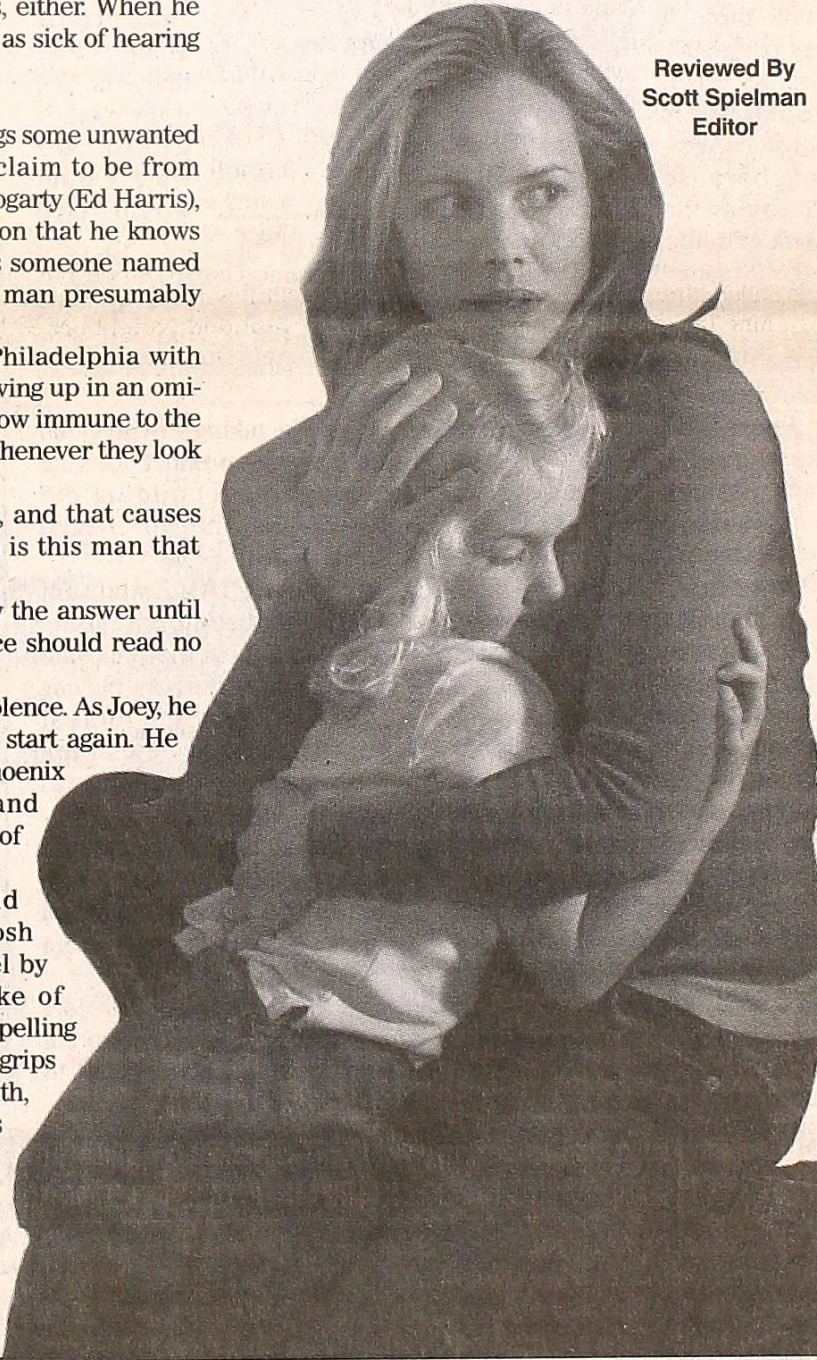
The performances are good, too. Bella's anguished wife hits

all the right notes; Harris is sufficiently menacing. William Hurt has a brief but powerful role as Richie, who has a relationship with Stall. He hits notes of corruption and callousness that drive shivers down ones back.

There were a few awkward moments of interaction, though, between Tom and his son, Jack, who may have inherited some of Tom's 'gifts' (think of a grizzled Clint Eastwood, saying: "...but I've always been lucky when it comes to killing folks.")

Although sprinkled with some graphic violence and plenty of suspense, the film is not an action-adventure piece. The pace is slow and deliberate, focusing more on the characters themselves than the plot. It draws the audience into the underlying questions it poses. When Tom is forced to venture off and handle things one question is left: will his family—and his community—accept him back when and if he returns?

I'll leave that for you to discover.



Reviewed By  
Scott Spielman  
Editor

### Also in theaters:

#### Just Like Heaven

Not heavenly, but definitely worth seeing for a simple laugh. David (Mark Ruffalo) settles into a sub-let apartment only to discover it is still inhabited by the spirit of the previous tenant, Elizabeth (Reese Witherspoon). A corny plot sees the two fall in love and try to keep Elizabeth from disappearing forever. Jon Heder channels his Napoleon Dynamite character in a funny supporting role as an occult bookstore employee. Reviewed by Jeff Novak.

#### Corpse Bride

This cute, twisted fairy tale from director Tim Burton certainly won't be confused with a Disney release. Victor (Johnny Depp) accidentally revives the long-dead Emily (Helena Bonham Carter), who becomes convinced he is her true love. Despite the grim backdrop, *Bride* is at times funny, romantic and naively sweet. Stop-motion animation. Rated PG. Reviewed by Meghan Chatham.



# THE SCENE

## Area designer honored by county arts commission

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Chesley Odom's work has been spotted all over Wayne County in many restaurants and businesses.

He's worked on debutant parties for the Henry Ford family and he's even designed a project for the late Pope John Paul II. But Odom, of Belleville, doesn't look for accolades, he just looks to make the community a better place by spreading art-work around the area.

"I have a love for the community and I like to see that love come through my projects," he said. "Sometimes it's embarrassing because I'll go into the

bank or somewhere and people will say something about one of my projects, but it's nice to be recognized and have the support of the community. People appreciate the work."

People like the members of the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History and Humanities who will honor Odom in November as the Volunteer of 2005.

"I'm excited about being the volunteer of the year because not only is it good for me, but for the community of Belleville as well," he said. "I'm proud of the things I've done that brought the community up a little because those are the things that will be around for a long time."

Odom, owner of Chesley Odom Design and Associates, has worked and lived in Belleville since 1973.

"Everyone has dreams and my dream was to have an office that

I could walk to or take a boat to. I wanted a house on the water," he said. "When people look at Belleville they generally categorize it as a quaint little town, but it's really not."

For more than 40 years, Odom has spiced up area communities with his artwork, whether it is the Coleman Young Center in Detroit, suites at the Palace of Auburn Hills and Joe Louis Arena or logos and signs for the City of Belleville.

When he was 18, he graduated from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit with a degree in industrial design and fine arts. But if his mother had it her way, Odom would have

became a priest.

"She wanted me to be one, but after I took my first life drawing class I told her I really liked it and that's what I wanted to do," he said.

So he did, taking anything that came his way—product costume design work, rebuilding old buildings and interior design work, as well.

Some of his most important artistic accomplishments include: co-finding the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, playing an active role in the annual Belleville Bridgewalk and the recent Belleville Centennial Quilt.

He also designed the current Belleville Bridge, which continues to be a source of pride when people come into the city, Odom said.

"No matter what the project is, I look at it from a design point of view and an artistic point of



Chesley Odom, Belleville designer who's regularly seen around town sporting his signature beret and holding a newly made sketch, will be honored in November as the Volunteer of the Year by the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History and Humanities.

view," he said.

And Odom still has others dreams for the future—a Belleville Area Community Center, a second studio in Belleville and to continue to make art.

"I still do five or six portraits a year, paintings and volunteer work. I draw or design every day, whether it's for myself or not," he said.

"I'm never going to retire. I have a lot of artwork and whatever I do, it's going to be in the design area. Design is my hobby and love."

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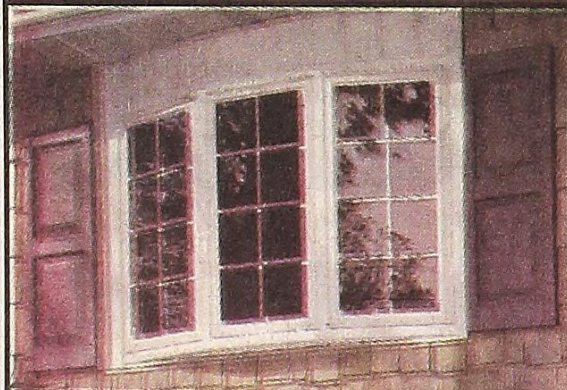
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Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Last year, 1.3 million high school juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the hopes of earning a National Merit Scholarship. Their results varied, but only a handful received a perfect score—and Northville High School student Surya Sabhapathy was one of them.

The test, which examines critical reading, math, and writing skills, serves as the first step in a screening process to select likely candidates for the \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships. The exams were given last October, but participants only learned their test results a few weeks ago.

“When I first got my score, I was surprised,” said Sabhapathy. “I had expected to do well, but I didn’t expect this.” Her family and friends were even more excited than she was, she added.

They had reason to be excited. According to Elaine Detweiler, public relations director for the National Merit Scholarship Corp., achieving the highest possible score—240—is uncommon. More than a million eligible students took the test, only 183 teens in the nation—including seven from Michigan—got a perfect score.

The 17-year-old Sabhapathy said that she took a few practice tests in the week before the exam, but she gives most of the credit to her teachers.

“A lot of it was just the culmination of my academic career,” she said. “I felt like I had been well prepared.” The hardest section, she said, was writing because it is relatively new and she hadn’t been able to prepare quite as much.

It wasn’t the first time Sabhapathy had

been recognized for her academic prowess, either. She participated in the Midwest Academic Talent Search, which is hosted by Northwestern University, in the seventh and eighth grades. In the eighth grade, her score even earned her an invitation to a recognition ceremony for high scorers on the talent search exam in Evanston, IL.

Where she will go from here is hard to say. She’s still looking into where she wants to go to college, with Ivy League schools and the University of Michigan at the top of the list. Wherever she goes, though, she plans to work on a dual degree.

“I want a degree in psychology, biology, or a combination of the two—some schools have them—and one in Spanish, mostly because I really do love to speak the language,” Sabhapathy said.

That’s still a few months away, and for now, Sabhapathy is just trying to take in the experiences of being a high school senior. She’s also juggling a heavy class schedule, which includes Advanced Placement classes in chemistry, English, calculus, history, and an independent study in Spanish since she had already completed AP Spanish. She is captain of the school Quiz Bowl team and has earned her brown belt in karate, too.

Sabhapathy is now considered a semifinalist in the competition. She still has two rounds of competition left before she will find out whether or not she earned a National Merit Scholarship. The academic competition has been ongoing since 1955.



Surya Sabhapathy

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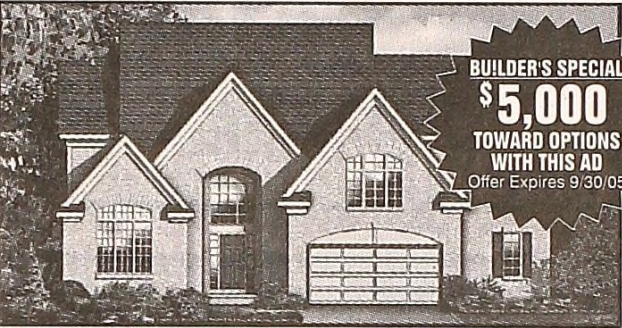
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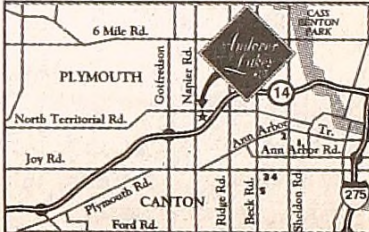
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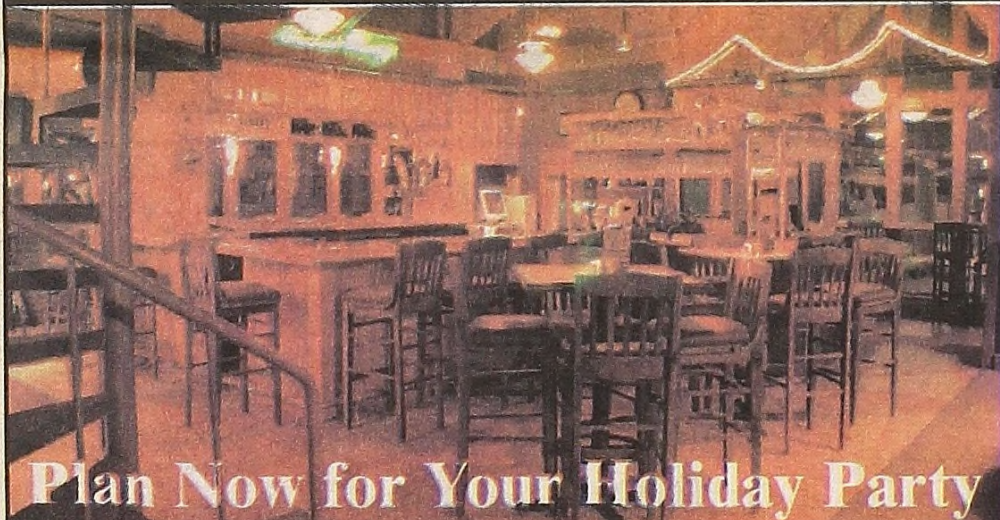
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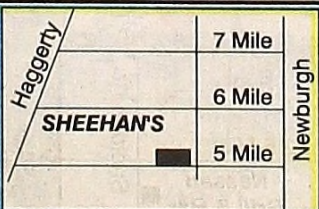
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# BUSINESS

## Author opens new counseling office

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

Alice Brown has practiced psychotherapy since 1996. The Plymouth resident has had her own private practice for five years and is now going to set up shop in the City of Homes.

Her new Core Healing Center opened on Oct. 4 at 157 S. Mill St.

Brown said the decision was easy when it came time for her to pick a spot for her business.

"I love Plymouth. It's a very nice area," she said. "The spot the office is in is very accessible,

and the room we have is very conducive for what we're trying to do."

Brown is the founder and will serve as director of the Core Healing Center. She is also the author of *Core Beliefs Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice*.

Brown received her masters degree in counseling from Oakland University in 1997. A Licensed Professional Counselor and a Nationally Certified Counselor, she specializes in the treatment of low self-esteem, depression, relational issues, and

recovering from verbal, emotional and sexual abuse.

While she will be helping people—like all therapists do—Brown is doing it in her own way.

Brown said she developed a treatment that involves understanding and healing the core of the problem rather than just treating the symptoms. She said that, in some cases, there is something deep in one's core that causes the symptoms. If only the symptoms are treated, Brown said, they tend to return and cause more problems.

"People can't just practice

having healthy habits," she said. "I believe that a lot of the things people struggle with can be helped through psychotherapy. That's what my book is about."

Brown said other therapists have tried her methods with positive results. She said if the treatment she gives is successful, it can change people's lives.

"It can help them for a long period of time," she said. "That was the appeal to me about counseling in the first place. It makes me feel really good to know that I can help people."

For more information on the



Alice Brown

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## Ambulance service moves offices to new Plymouth location

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) has purchased a new central support facility at 1270 Goldsmith in the City of Plymouth.

The building will be renovated and HVA will transfer operations to that facility within the next three months. Currently, ambulance operations are based next door in the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services.

The new building is a 10,200 square foot structure that includes offices and a garage space to house 10 ambulances. The emergency response company will add a classroom and build a Mobility Transportation Call Center to dispatch wheelchair vans and other specialized transportation, too. Since July 2002, when HVA decided to expand operations in the area, they have searched for a suitable site, according to Joyce Williams, public affairs manager for the company.

Paul Hood, vice-president for Huron Valley eastern operations, said the move further shows the company commitment to servicing the area.

"We have provided paramedic services to both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township since 1990," he said. "This is another example of our commitment to those communities and to the entire area."

Many of the Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters are already ALS certified. City Manager Paul Sincock

said even though most community firefighters hold that certification, it's still advantageous to partner with HVA.

"The firefighters don't transport victims because if they did, we'd need a lot more firefighters," he said. "Having a lot more firefighters costs a lot more money. This is a private service that is provided at no cost to the city, the township and the other areas Huron Valley services."

Sincock said that Plymouth Community firefighters will transport patients about 10 per-

cent of the time, usually when HVA personnel can't make it to the scene in time. He also said that the Plymouth community has the ideal model for medical response.

The fire department is first on the scene. Fire officials assess the situation and the patient. Huron Valley follows and transports the patient to the hospital.

"Our firefighters are able to remain in the community, that's what good about it," Sincock said. "The firefighters and HVA are working together as a team."

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# SPORTS

## Vikes win rivalry game inch closer to playoffs

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

"It's hard to beat a team two times in a season."

That's What Inkster Coach Greg Carter told his team in the victory huddle after they defeated rivals Dearborn Height Robichaud, 13-12, Saturday afternoon—the second time this season.

Rivalry football games are supposed to be grueling, hard fought and close to the very last second. The match between Inkster and Dearborn Heights Robichaud was all that and more. There was tension, controversial calls and big, last-minute plays as the Inkster Vikings held on to a one-point lead most of the way and finished off the Bulldogs.

To echo the words of Carter: it wasn't easy.

The Vikings nearly let the win slip away.

Four plays into a 12-play Dearborn Heights drive, Inkster was called on a controversial pass interference penalty on a third-and-15 play on Inkster's 40-yard line. Bulldog Quarterback

Venzel Russel heaved the ball down field and both defender and receiver went for the ball, but Inkster was given the penalty. The infraction moved the line of scrimmage to Inkster's 25 with an automatic first down for Robichaud.

The Bulldogs moved the ball down to the Vikings' 3-yard line, where they had a first and goal. But the Viking defense held steady. Penalties moved Robichaud back to the 13 and Inkster held them on a third-and-13.

On fourth down the Bulldogs went for the field goal – and the win – but the attempt failed.

But that wasn't all.

Inkster regained possession at their 20-yard line. Seven plays later they had to punt, putting the ball in the hands of the dangerous Russell who controlled most of the second half with his speed, including a 75-yard score.

Robichaud was in a first-and-goal position on Inkster's eight when the Vikings' defense did a nice job stopping Russell on the run, forcing him to pass. The ball bounced off the hands of the intended receiver and into the



Inkster's Rico McCoy (5) makes a run out of the backfield pursued by Robichaud's Jamal McConnal. Inkster won the game, 13-12, at home on Saturday.

hands of Inkster's safety Javier Reed with 1:07 left in the game.

The Vikings clock ran out for the 13-12 victory.

"These two teams, as far as talent, are very close," said Carter. "We beat them by a total of two points in two games. So, you can't get any closer than that. We have to take our hat off to Robichaud. They came over here and played a great game. They, for the most part, controlled the second half. Defensively they did a nice job

but our kids stepped up at big times and made plays to get us the win."

It was Inkster's defense that really set the pace of the game, according to Carter.

"It's always good to set the tone, playing good defense," he said. "It was very important for us to let them know that we weren't going to let them score a lot of points; that today was going to be a dog fight. In the second half, their quarterback started going in the third quarter but

we stepped up and made a few adjustments and the kids really played well. We had some kids come in from the sidelines that stepped up and made some big plays for us on defense."

Carter said Marquel Reddick was one of those players. He moved from offensive tackle to defensive tackle and made some big stops. He also said that his young safeties, Reed and Josh Howard, have both improved

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Senior fullback Brandon Barkoski tries to out race Canton's senior striker Paul Newall in Northville's 1-0 victory last Wednesday in Canton.

## Mustangs win division championship

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustang soccer team wrapped up the Lakes Division championship for the second straight year with a 4-0 victory against the Plymouth Wildcats.

Junior midfielder Jon Junca got things going for the 'Stangs in the first half. After accepting a pass from sophomore Nick Kolbow, he dribbled past a Plymouth defender and put the team on the board, 1-0.

Senior captain and midfielder Nick Kaldis gave Northville a 2-0 lead at the end of the half. Sophomore Jeff Cheslik assisted

on the play.

After the break, senior forward Justin Lockwood added another goal for Northville, making it a 3-0 game. Senior forward Mike Cornelius notched the assist on the play.

Then junior forward Chris Leonetti scored to put the game away, 4-0. Junior midfielder Gordie Lemasters recorded the assist.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Pratt stopped six Plymouth shots, including two key saves in the first half, according to Northville Coach Henry Klimes.

"The first 10 minutes I thought that both teams were scrambling,"

he said. "By the time we scored the second goal we were in control. The third goal was important. At that point you either let Plymouth back in it or you put a nail in the coffin."

### Northville 1, Canton 0

When two of the state's top-10 soccer teams face off it's either going to be a low-scoring affair or a shoot out.

Either way, it's bound to be good.

And it certainly was when the Northville Mustangs traveled to

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## Eagles earn first win

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It was six games in the making, but the Romulus gridders won their first game Friday night.

Romulus not only won the game, they shut out River Rouge, 9-0.

Defense was a huge part in the victory. The Eagles held Rouge to 15 offensive yards in the first half, according to Romulus coach Wade Cook.

Their defense also held tight when Rouge was poised to strike with 45 seconds left in the first half. Rouge had a first-and-goal opportunity on the Eagles' 4-yard line but Romulus' defense stood them up and kept them scoreless.

It wasn't all defense, though. Romulus's special teams unit was also a factor in the game, scoring the team's first two points.

After the Eagles wore six minutes off the clock with their opening drive, they were forced to punt. Rouge's return man muffed the catch, sending the ball into his end zone. He tried to pick it up, but was met by a team of Romulus tacklers for a safety, according to Cook.

After the intermission the Eagles added to their lead when their sophomore quarterback punched through for a one-yard keeper. Junior kicker Jacob Eggers' extra point attempt was successful to give the Eagles a 9-0 lead. The play capped an eight-

play, 65-yard drive.

After that it was the defense's game to win.

In fourth quarter, River Rouge regained possession with about five minutes left in the game. They were in position to score again when the quarterback ran a bootleg play but Romulus senior defensive back stripped the ball from him and the Eagles recovered on the their 2-yard line.

Romulus was forced to punt again. With about one minute left in the game, River Rouge tried to force the pass and it cost them. This time it was Romulus's senior defensive back Kevin Smith that came up big with an interception.

From there Romulus ran out the clock for their first win.

Smith also had three solo tackles to lead the defense.

On offense, sophomore Mario Crawford led the ground attack with 149 rushing yards on 21 attempts.

"It feels good to get that win," Cook said. "We can breathe a little easier—we're not fighting for the basement anymore. These young kids played well."

"The defense got a great deal of experience," he added. "They had two or three solid defensive stands. They feel pretty good about themselves as a unit."

Romulus hosts a tough Highland Park squad at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



# SPORTS

## Northville defeats Glenn, win 5 straight

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady Mustangs extended their win streak on the hardwood to five with a 51-42 victory against the Walled Lake Western Warriors on Monday afternoon.

"I thought it was tough to go in there and play at 4:00," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "They weren't ready and it seemed like we never got things going defensively until later. But we pulled out the win and it was a division game and those are always good to win."

Northville may have started slow on defense but their offense was ready, scoring 34 points in the first half. They did allow Western 26, though.

Their defense clamped down and limited the Warriors to nine and seven points in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. The offense added another 18 in the second half to secure the win.

Junior Danielle Toney and sophomore Sarah Stern led the Lady 'Stangs with 12 points each. Simone Toney added eight.

The win streak has brought Northville to a 7-3 record.

**Northville 41, John Glenn 32**  
Defense remained the strong suit for the Northville Mustangs throughout their week of play.

The Lady 'Stangs caused 23 turnovers last week and recovered 49 rebounds in their wins. Last Thursday, they defeated John Glenn, 41-32, to remain undefeated (3-0) in conference play.

Nine different players nabbed at least one board in the 23-rebound effort. Seniors Simone Toney and Heather Cox along with sophomore Krysta Cicala each had five defensive rebounds on the night.

Junior Danielle Toney led the team in the steals department with three. The team had 12 total.

The defense as a whole held the Rockets to less than 10 points in each of the first three quarters and only allowed 11 in the finale.

Offensively, the Mustangs and the Rockets were neck-and-neck, 6-6, at the end of one. By the end of the second, Northville built a five-point lead, 19-14. After the break, they added another 14 to their first-half total.

Glenn had a strong final eight minutes, outscoring the 'Stangs, 11-8, but it wasn't enough as

Northville managed the 41-32 win.

Danielle Toney led the Northville offense with 13 points while her older sister, Simone, added eight. Sophomore Sarah Stern had seven points and four assists.

Jennifer Swartz scored 11 for John Glenn.

### Northville 36, Northern 28

Earlier in the week, Northville overcame a third quarter push by the Walled Lake Northern Knights to bring home a 36-28 victory.

Northern knotted the score with a triple at the end of the third and took the lead early in the fourth. But Danielle Toney nailed the team's only triple to put them back up for good, according to Wright.

"We took care of the ball down the stretch and made our free throws," he said.

Again, Northville's defense was instrumental, holding Northern to less than nine points in every quarter. They grabbed 26 defensive boards and recorded 11 steals as a team.

Simone Toney led the offense with 14 points and her little sister

Danielle followed with 10. The Toney sisters and Cox each nabbed five defensive rebounds. Stern led the team in steals with four.

Through the first nine games Danielle leads the team with 75 points, averaging just more than eight points a game.

She also leads the team in assists (19) and steals (45). Simone has 72 points and is averaging eight points per game. Stern, senior Lindsey Blair and Cox are all averaging more than five points a game. Stern is also second in assists (18) and second with steals (30).

Northville hosts an 8-1 Livonia Stevenson team at 7 p.m. tonight and Franklin at the same time on Tuesday.

Glenn heads to Salem on Thursday and Churchill on Tuesday.

# Vikes

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during the season. They each had an interception against Robichaud.

The bigger story might be Inkster's offense, which has sputtered the last couple of weeks after starting quarterback Aaron Shavers went down with an injury.

Sophomore Anre Goree stepped in as the new signal caller but the offense hadn't produced until now.

Goree went 8-for-18 for 132 yards and two touchdowns to earn his first win as the starter.

He put Inkster on the board first when he connected with JJ Snelling for a 29-yard score at about the 5:02 mark in the first quarter. Levenson Smith nailed the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

About 30 seconds into the second frame Russell punched one in from the 1-yard line for Robichaud's first score. The two-point conversion attempt failed, making it a 7-6 game.

On Inkster's next possession, Goree led the team on a nine-play, 66-yard drive that was capped off with a one-yard touchdown pass caught by Renty Rollins. Smith missed the extra point but Inkster led 13-6 with about 6:18 left in the half.

Russell broke free for a 75-

yard jaunt to the end zone with 4:06 remaining in the third quarter. The Bulldogs attempted another two-point conversion but missed, which handed the game over to Inkster.

"Coach came in and told us to step our game up and win," said Anre Goree. "We just had to lock up and play some offense. It's always been the defense so we had to get our offense going."

The Vikings are 4-2 overall and 3-2 in the Mega Gold. They are on the verge of securing a playoff spot if they can win two of their final three games. "Our goal is to get better each and every week," Carter said.

They head to Willow Run tomorrow.

# Soccer

FROM PAGE 13

Canton and faced the Chiefs last Wednesday.

It was far from being a shootout, but Northville came away with the 1-0 victory.

Northville's senior midfielder Enrique Acevedo rose to the occasion and put a shot past Canton's goalie Parker Laabs about halfway through the second half. Junior forward Chris Leonetti earned the assist.

Ryan Pratt made key saves to earn the shutout for Northville.

"Hopefully, we can win the conference championship," Klimes said. "We want to correct what we didn't do last year."

Northville will play at Stevenson for the conference championship on Oct. 17.

Northville (11-2-2) heads to Walled Lake Central on Monday.

Canton heads to Stevenson at 7 p.m. on Monday.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers fall to Inkster, 60-46

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The battle of the Mega Red continued last Thursday when Belleville's Lady Tigers traveled to Inkster to meet with the Lady Vikings on the hardwood.

Belleville scored the first two points of the game but a 12-point run by the Lady Vikes put them in a hole they couldn't get out of, leading to a 60-46 Inkster victory.

Belleville's Taylor Manley knocked down the first shot of the game for Belleville's only lead of the game, 2-0.

Then Inkster's Michelle Carr hit for a score, knotting the game.

That basket started a 12-point run that included four points off of back-to-back turnovers. Brittany Scales and Carr capitalized on the Belleville miscues to make it a 12-2 game.

Belleville battled back at the four-minute mark, hitting for six unanswered points. It was enough to get them back in the game, cutting the deficit to four points, 12-8.

Then it was the Inkster's turn as they

went on another run. This time they knocked down eight unanswered points—four from Lonnie Terrell—to distance themselves, 20-8. In the final seconds of the first quarter, Manley nailed a triple, but as time expired and the buzzer sounded, Terrell answered with a three-quarter-court shot that was good to make it a 23-11 game after one period.

The second quarter wasn't quite as exciting, but Belleville battled back. They scored 14 points, led by Danica Holmes' nine. She started the Lady Tigers off in the second frame with a double and capped the session with another. She also nailed a triple to make it a 26-18 game.

Belleville outscored Inkster, 14-10, that inning, which cut into the Vikes' lead, 33-25, at the half.

Inkster changed up defense after the intermission and limited Belleville's offense to just seven points in the third quarter. Inkster's offense, led by Terrell's six points, outscored the Tigers, 15-7, to extend their lead to 48-32.

Terrell made it an 18-point game when

she made the first basket of the final eight minutes. Manley scored six straight points to spur her Tigers on, but Inkster's lead was too much for her and the rest of the Lady Tigers to overcome. Belleville outscored Inkster, 14-12, that round but the Lady Vikes walked away with the victory.

Terrell led the Lady Vikes with 23 points and six assists. Carr added 16 points and recorded a double-double with 15 rebounds.

"I knew they were quick and that they had two guards that could play pretty good," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "In the first half they killed us. At halftime we made some adjustments to try and slow them down a little bit, and it worked. The girls did a good job making that adjustment."

Belleville guards Holmes and Manley combined for 33 points—Holmes for 17 and Manley 16.

"We just need to be more aggressive," said Belleville coach Kevin Edwards. "It's a combination of things, but we just have to get better. We got started late and once you dig that hole it's hard to come out"



Inkster's Lonnie Terrell (24) looks for an open teammate against Belleville's Danica Holmes (10) as the Lady Vikes defeated the Lady Tigers, 60-46.

The game against Inkster was the first of four straight games on the road for the 2-3 Lady Tigers. They're at Taylor Kennedy at 7 p.m. tonight and at Romulus at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikes are home at 7 p.m. tonight against Wyandotte.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tern Randolph Gear.

**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth.

**Excused:** Debbie Romak.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-340

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 06, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Abstain - Miller.

Motion Carried.

3. None.

05-341

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Edward A. Grabowski.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-342

5A1 . Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and award Bid 05/06-07 - Fire Hydrants to the only qualified bidder, East Jordan Iron Works at a unit cost of \$1,122.79 per hydrant (not to exceed 100 hydrants).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried unanimously.

05-343

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and Emergency Management Coordinator, Margaret LeDuc and award Bid 05/06-10, a 32' Mobile Command Center Vehicle to the only bidder, Holland Bus Company at a revised bid price of \$256,095.88.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-345

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration to

enter into Contract No. 04-5192, between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Romulus for the purpose of providing landscaping work along Merriman Road from approximately 0.15 miles south of Flynn Drive northerly to Ecorse Road, including tree planting, shrub planting, flower planting and all together with necessary related work; and further to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute said contract. The City of Romulus estimated share is \$172,895.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-346

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement to engage the services of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone to represent the City of Romulus on issues related to the development of Indian Casinos.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion carried Unanimously.

05-347

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 05/06-7, introduced at the Council Meeting held September 12, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-348

11A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-17 (excluding Fund #301, Beverly Road Construction), in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Four Cents. (\$668,128.04)

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None,

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

05-349

11B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-17, Fund 301 Beverly Road Construction in the amount of Two Hundred, Fifty Two Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$252,382.50).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Miller.

Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 12, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan  
I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 12, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 6, 2005



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## 1. Obituaries

**BRICE, Doris K.,**  
Age 75 of Romulus.  
Loving wife of Robert Sr.  
Dear mother of Robert  
(Darlene) Brice, Barbara  
(Frank) Korgal, William  
Brice, Bruce (Mary) Brice,  
Bradley (Romona) Brice,  
Brian (Fonda) Brice, Barry  
Brice, Betty (Jeffery)  
Ladacuer and Bridget  
(Merle) Dalton. Loving  
grandmother of 23 and  
great-grandmother of 10.  
She is survived by 1 brother  
and 1 sister. She is preceded  
in death by son Bret  
Brice. Visitation was Oct. 2  
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2 Other misc. items

Unit #G-8-Sharon Justin:  
6 Household furnishings,  
12 Misc. household goods,  
1 Exercise equipment

Unit #E-17D-Steven  
Wayne Freeman:  
10 Household furnishings,  
50 Misc. boxes/bags,  
1 Bike

Unit #E-19-Jeffery  
Johnson: 3 Misc. small  
appliances, 3 Clothing,  
1 Stereo, 1 Hutch, 2 Desk,  
1 Tool box, 1 Gas grill with  
tank

Unit #E-17E-Alicia  
Rendon:  
1 Misc. boxes/bags,  
3 Other misc. items

Unit #K14-Jessica Burton:  
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30 Misc. boxes/bags,  
1 Musical instrument,  
1 Stereo, 1 Ladder

Unit #N-22-Dennis Knight:  
13 Household furnishings,  
50 Misc. boxes/bags,  
1 Power tools,  
2 Recreation equipment

Unit #H-16-Leon Jennings:  
12 Misc. boxes/bags,  
12 Computer equipment  
Unit J-11-William M. Swan:  
6 Household furnishings,  
3 Misc. boxes/bags,  
2 Aquariums

Unit #L-12-Ric Moore:  
1 Misc. small appliances,  
5 Household furnishings,  
5 Misc. boxes/bags

Unit #M-15-Mike  
Markham:  
3 Misc. household goods,  
3 Other misc. items

Unit #C-27-Cheryl  
Kurlovich: 4 Household  
furnishings, 7 Boxed  
household furnishings,  
20 Boxes of ceramic tile

Unit #K-X-24-Brenda M.  
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20 Clothing, 1 Toys,  
3 Recreation equipment,  
1 Car stereo

Unit N-9-Sean Alford:  
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1 Dishwasher,  
2 Household furnishings,  
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5 Misc. boxes/bags,  
1 Power tools

Unit #F-27-Kevin Conrady:  
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boxes/bags, 1 Other misc.  
items

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30 Misc. boxes/bags,  
40 Other misc. items,  
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## 59. Auctions

## City of Romulus AUCTION

**Saturday, October 15, 2005 at 10:00a.m.**

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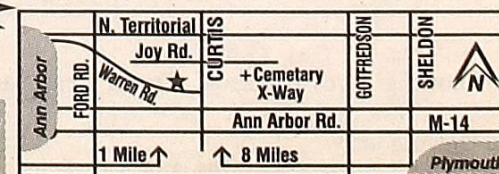


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# New state law defines school safety zones

Even State Sen. Laura Toy (D-Livonia) admits that her latest successful piece of legislation is a bit of a no-brainer.

The bill, Senate Bill (SB) 617, was signed into law last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

It amends the state Sex Offender Registration Act by defining school safety zones and prohibits convicted sex offenders from living, working, or loitering within 1,000 feet of school property.

"This is a common sense measure to help protect Michigan's children," Toy said. "I was proud to sponsor this legislation and am happy to see it signed into

law."

The bill bans individuals registered under the Sex Offender Registration Act from seeking residence or employment, and from loitering, in the school safety zones. It contains an exception for those already living or working within 1,000 feet of a school, and for minors living with their parents.

"This law will stop convicted sex offenders from being able to move or loiter near our schools where they can prey on children," Toy said. "Parents expect that when they send their children off to school that they will be protected from harm. The

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safety zones established by this law will help to ensure a safe learning environment in and around Michigan's schools."

The bill was one of a package of 17 that were signed into law with the goal of protecting children from sexual predators.

Other bills require background checks on employees in public schools and day care centers; allow evidence of prior sex crimes to be considered as character evidence at trial; and prevent teachers who are convicted sex offenders from returning to

the classroom.

"This legislation makes Michigan a leader in protecting its children from sexual predators," Toy said. "Nationwide there have been some very high profile cases of abduction and sexual abuse against children in recent memory. These measures move our state in the right direction in terms of doing all we can to prevent these types of tragic incidents."

This is the second bill Toy has sponsored to be signed into law within the past two months. In August the governor signed Toy's bill to help disabled veterans secure state contracts.

# Post offices begin adding hours to benefit customers

Jason Carmel Davis  
Staff Writer

Postal workers usually get all government observed holidays off.

That's about to change.

Post offices throughout western Wayne County are adding additional hours to better serve the members of their communities, and for the first time, local United States Post Offices will be open on a holiday.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10—Columbus Day—patrons will be able to buy stamps, get money orders and

handle other postal business.

"Our customers have indicated that they want easier access and services throughout the year," said Dennis Wieczorek, postmaster for the Plymouth office. "We're going to give this a shot and see where it goes."

Wieczorek said he and other postal workers get numerous complaints from customers about being closed on non-widely observed holidays, such as Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He said he hopes the change will show customers the commitment to service the post office has.

Aside from changes in hours of operation, the post office has made changes to aid consumers who may not be on a "regular" schedule.

A number of post offices have added an automatic postage machine that allows customers to buy postage and other mailing amenities with a credit or debit card. Wieczorek said these machines are in the lobby of most post offices, and that those lobbies are open 24 hours a day.

The U.S. postal service web site, usps.com, has added features that make sending mail more convenient, too. Visitors of the

site can fill out change of address forms, ship packages, and print postage. There is also a feature that allows customers to add in all of the information on a package they would like to ship, and have a carrier pick up the parcel when the mail is delivered.

"Technology has made it easier for us to better serve our customers," Wieczorek said. "We're doing our best to give our customers what they want, and, with that we're becoming a more customer driven organization."

The changes in hours at the Plymouth locations are as follows: Main Street and Penniman

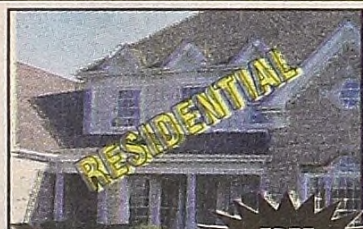
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### GOAL LINE PIZZA

Go over the top by preparing pizza variations-such as a veggie-topped pizza pie. Let guests turn up the heat by choosing chopped chiles or sliced jalapeo peppers.

- 1 can (10 ounces) Pillsbury refrigerated all ready pizza crust
- 1 can (16 ounces) Old El Paso refried beans
- 3/4 cup Old El Paso salsa
- 1 package (1 pound) bulk hot Italian sausage
- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 ounces)
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 ounces)

Heat oven to 425° F. Lightly grease 12-inch pizza pan or 13x9x2-inch rectangular pan. Unroll dough and place in pan; starting at center, press out with hands to edge of pan. Bake 6 to 7 minutes or until crust just begins to brown. Spread refried beans over crust. Spread salsa evenly over beans. Top with remaining ingredients. Bake 11 to 15 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted. Consider additional toppings such as Old El Paso chopped chiles or sliced jalapeo peppers. 6 servings

### LINEBACKER BEAN DIP

For festive fun, place a bowl of brightly colored tortilla chips near the dip.

- 2 cans (16 ounces each) Old El Paso refried beans
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 package (1.25 ounces) Old El Paso taco seasoning mix
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 1/2 cups Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese (6 ounces)
- 2 cups Old El Paso Thick 'n Chunky salsa
- Canned Old El Paso chopped green chiles, sour cream and guacamole, as desired

Serve Tortilla chips in bowl on the side. Spread beans on 14-inch serving platter. Cook beef in 10-inch skillet over medium high heat, stirring frequently, until brown; drain. Reduce heat to medium. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Cook and stir 2 to 4 minutes. Spread beef mixture over beans. Top with lettuce, cheese and salsa. Garnish with chiles, sour cream and guacamole. Serve with tortilla chips. 8 cups dip



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